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Applicant: SUGIYAMA et al. Conf.: 9671
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For: GRANULAR BASE AND PARTICULATE DETERGENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated July 1, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) Base particles for supporting a surfactant, obtainable by spray-drying a slurry comprising a water-soluble polymer (A), an inhibitor for forming a coating film (B) and a water-soluble salt (C) other than the inhibitor for forming a coating film, wherein the surfactant is contained in an amount of from 0 to 3% by weight of the base particles.

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